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SUBJECT: NMOG MEETS WITH RPF AND GOR FORCES RE:
DEMILITARIZED CORRIDOR

REF: KIGALI 4320

1. SUMMARY: THE OAU'S NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER
GROUP HAS ASKED THE RPF AND GOR FORCES TO PULL BACK
1.5 KMS EACH FROM CURRENT POSITIONS TO CREATE A

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DEMILITARIZED CORRIDOR. GOR FORCES EXPRESS WILLINGNESS; RPF DOES NOT. NO DECISION TAKEN TO DATE. END SUMMARY.

2. MGEN. OPALEYE, COMMANDER OF THE OAU'S NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP (NMOG), BROUGHT TOGETHER MILITARY COMMANDERS FROM THE RWANDAN PARTIOTIC FRONT AND THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES FOR A MEETING IN COMMUNE KIBALI, BYUMBA PREFECTURE, ON NOV. 9. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO DISCUSS A BILATERAL PULLBACK OF FORCES FROM THE FRONT LINES. OPALEYE ASKED THAT BOTH FORCES WITHDRAW FROM PRESENT POSITIONS BY A DISTANCE OF 1.5 KMS, THUS CREATING A DEMILITARIZED CORRIDOR OF 3 KMS BETWEEN FORCES.

3. MEDIA REPORTS OF THE MEETING STATE THAT THE GOR DELEGATION, LED BY LT. COL. ANATOLE NSENGIYUMVA, ACCEPTED THE NOTION OF A 1.5 KM PULLBACK, PROVIDED THAT A) BOTH FORCES WITHDRAW SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE NMOG, AND B) THAT THE DISTANCE BE MADE FLEXIBLE TO ACCOUNT FOR CURRENT POSITIONS AND TERRAIN. THE GOR NOTED THAT MOVING SOUTHWARD FROM THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS WOULD MEAN THE DISPLACEMENT

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OF MORE CIVILIANS WHO CURRENTLY OCCUPY LAND NEAR GOVERNMENT LINES.

4. THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE, PATRICK MAZIMPAKA, IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT GIVEN THE LIMITED SIZE OF ITS TERRITORIAL HOLDINGS, AND THE FACT THAT THE RPF IS SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO NATIONAL ARMIES -- UGANDA'S AND RWANDA'S -- THE RPF COULD NOT RECIPROCATATE IN SUCH A PULL BACK, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE GOR WITHDRAW UNILATERALLY BY 3 KMS FROM CURRENT POSITIONS. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN IMMEDIATE COMPROMISE, OPALEYE IS REPORTED TO HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT THE PROBLEM AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL OF THE TWO PARTIES.

5. THE NMOG HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK WITH EMBASSY ABOUT THE MEETING AT KIBALI; THEREFOR WE ARE RELYING ENTIRELY ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING. POST WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES

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